SOUTH AFRICAN RADIO LEAGUE NEWS FOR SUNDAY 08 MAY 2022

Good morning and welcome to the weekly news bulletin of the South African Radio League read by ..... [your name, call sign and QTH]

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While the problems experienced by some members accessing the SARL web pages are being attended to, an additional channel is now available. To download the weekly SARL News audio recordings and to listen to, or download Amateur Radio Today, log on to www.amateurradio.org.za.

In the news today:

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THE RESULTS OF THE VOTING FOR THE 2022 SARL AGM MOTIONS

and

HAMCHALLENGE 2022

Stay tuned for more information on these and other interesting news items.

We begin our bulletin with the news of a silent key.

It is with regret that we announce the passing of Roy McKay, ZS6RED suddenly on 23 March 2022. Roy was an Honorary life member of the West Rand Amateur Radio Club and will always be remembered for his contribution to the constitution and antennas built for the club. We extend our sincere condolences to Roy's family and friends.

PAUSE

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The SARL News Team wishes all Mother's a happy Mother's Day today!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

The President, Council and Members of the SARL wish Marten du Preez, ZS6ZY a happy 95th birthday on Friday 6 May 2022 and a happy 90th birthday to Viv Wells, ZS6CAA. Congratulations Marten and Viv!

THE AWA SSB QSO PARTY TODAY

Join in the AWASA SSB Valve QSO Party this afternoon from 13:00 to 17:00 UTC. This is a phone activity on the 40 and 80 m bands. Find the rules on page 39 in the SARL Contest Manual. Logs should be submitted by Friday 13 May to andyzs6ady@vodamail.co.za. A log sheet in Excel format is available on the AWA website at http://awasa.org.za/downloads/category/5-other-technical-documents.

THE RESULTS OF THE VOTING FOR THE 2022 SARL AGM MOTIONS

There are 1 655 members that can vote, 339 members (20.48%) cast their vote for the motions. The first vote was cast by Sid, ZS5AYC and the last vote was cast by David, ZS4DC. Thank you to the members who voted.

2022-02 (Budget) 323 agree 5 disagree 11 abstain

2022-03 (Subscriptions) 325 agree 4 disagree 10 abstain

2022-04 (Auditor) 328 agree 3 disagree 8 abstain

2022-05 (Club Scheme) 319 agree 9 disagree 11 abstain

2022-06 (Awards) 315 agree 3 disagree 21 abstain

WINNER OF THE LUCKY DRAW

Carina Green, the secretary of the SARL secretary drew the winning call sign for the lucky draw from the 339 call signs who cast a vote.

The winner of a SARL Membership for 2022/23 is Phil Mclean, ZS1WW

AMSATSA ANNOUNCES THE ANNUAL SPACE SYMPOSIUM DATE

AMSATSA has announced the date for the association's 2022 Space Symposium. It will be held on Saturday 23 July 2022. The current planning is to present it as a virtual event on the BlueJeans platform. There remains a possibility that it may be a hybrid event including a parallel physical face to face symposium in Johannesburg. Experience over the past two symposiums have shown that virtual events offer many more people the opportunity to participate. This is likely to remain as the cost of travel and accommodation is unlikely to return to more affordable levels any time soon.

The theme for the symposium is "Space, the next frontier for expansion of amateur radio"

The symposium programme will cover topics at an entry level of how to set up an inexpensive satellite station, how to get the most out of a hand-held transceiver to explore satellite communication and at a more advanced level to doing space research with your own space weather station and how to get involved in building satellites. Proposals for papers are invited. Each slot is 20 - 30 minutes plus a 10-minute Q&A period. The closing date for proposals is 31 May 2022. Authors will be advised of the acceptance of their paper by 8 June 2022. Final presentations in Word and PowerPoint will be required by 1 July 2022. For more information send an e-mail to admin@amsatsa.org.za.

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HAMCHALLENGE 2022

We want your ideas to change us! Amateur Radio is about fun, radio communications, technology, experimentation, self-training and friendship. Do you have a mind-blowing idea you would like to share with the community?

The International Amateur Radio Union Region 1 is inviting you to come up with a game changing idea, which could lead to more licensed radio amateurs. Make a team, share your ideas, present your proposal and bring this to reality. This is the time for change in amateur radio and we are looking for you! The best proposals will be rewarded, don't miss this opportunity!

The challenge - Do you have a revolutionary idea that you would like to share with the amateur community? What do you think will be appealing and leading to more fun altogether? The HAMChallenge is a call for ideas: the best proposal will be rewarded and brought to life!

Applicants must submit an abstract of their idea with a short biography and a brief motivation statement, by e-mail to hamchallenge@iaru-r1.org before 1 June. A committee will review the different proposals and preselect the best ones in their opinion for further consideration at this time by 10 June. The participants will then have 15 more days to prepare a more detailed presentation of their idea to be presented in person or virtually during HamRadio 2022 in Friedrichshafen. Read more in the SARL Communication sent out on Thursday 5 May 2022.

CLUB NEWS

The Sandton ARC have moved their popular Tech Talk from the last Wednesday to the last Thursday of every month. The next Tech Talk will talk place on Thursday 26 May.

CONTEST NEWS

On Wednesday 11 May, you need to get up early to make coffee to enjoy while you participate in the Early Morning Coffee QSO Party. The contest takes place on 40 and 80 metres. On Sunday 15 May, it is time for South Africa to work as many stations in the Northern Cape as possible during the ZS3 QSO Party. Get all the contest information in the 2022 Blue Book.

The third leg of the SARL Wednesday 80 m Club Contest will be run from 17:00 to 18:00 UTC on Wednesday 18 May with CW, RTTY and phone activity. CW and RTTY contacts count 3 points while phone contacts count 2 points. You also earn 2 points for each new grid square and 1 point for each new Club worked. Submit your log by 21:59 UTC on Monday 23 May to contest@sarl.org.za. Do not use any other e-mail address.

The first leg of the YOTA Contest. This CW and SSB operating event, organized by the IARU Region 1 Youth Working Group in cooperation with MRASZ

(the Hungarian Amateur Radio Society), hopes to increase youngsters' activity on the air, strengthen the reputation of YOTA programmes and support the pursuits of the new generation of Amateurs around the world. The first leg takes place from 08:00 to 19:59 UTC on Sunday 22 May. A second and third round of the contest is scheduled for 23 July and 30 December.

PROPAGATION REPORT

Hannes Coetzee, ZS6BZP, reports that solar activity is expected to be at low to moderate levels. There are currently four sunspots with mostly complex magnetic configurations visible. There is a high probability for C- and a medium probability for M-class flaring. If you want to do your own frequency predictions, the expected effective sunspot number for the week will be around 58. The 10 to 30 m bands will especially, in the late afternoon, provide some good DX fun. Please visit the website spaceweather.sansa.org.za for further information.

Finally, a diary of some upcoming events:

Today – Mother's Day and the AWA SSB Valve QSO Party

11 May – the Early morning Coffee QSO Party

13 May – the closing date for AWA Logs

15 May – the ZS3 QSO Party

16 May – National Barbecue Day and the closing date for Early Morning Logs

17 May – World Telecommunications Day

18 May – the SARL 80 m Club Contest

20 May – the closing date for ZS3 logs

21 May – International Tea Day and the May RAE

21 and 22 May – the SARL VHF/UHF Digital Contest

22 May – the YOTA Contest

23 May – Closing Date for 80 m Club Logs

26 May – Ascension Day and the Sandton Talking Tech Power Hour

To conclude our bulletin, a recap of our main news story:

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This concludes our bulletin for this morning.

We invite clubs and individuals to submit news items of interest to radio amateurs and shortwave listeners, in both English and Afrikaans, if possible, by following the News Inbox link on the South African Radio League web page.

News items to be included in the bulletin should reach the news team no later than the Friday afternoon preceding the bulletin date.

You are welcome to join us every Sunday morning for the weekly radio programme, Amateur Radio Today at 10:00 CAT. The programme can be heard on VHF and UHF repeaters countrywide and on 7 082 kHz lower side-band by courtesy of Louis, ZS5LP. A rebroadcast by Andy, ZS6ADY can be heard on Monday evenings at 19:30 CAT on 3 620 kHz.

We welcome your signal reports, comments, and suggestions; please send these by e-mail to artoday@sarl.org.za.

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From the News Team, best wishes for the week ahead.